

1       1. A method comprising:  
2             enabling communications between a first terminal  
3 and selected second terminals;  
4             enabling the storage of a modifiable list of  
5 second terminals that the first terminal is able to  
6 communicate with; and  
7             enabling the ability to modify said list to be  
8 restricted.

1       2. The method of claim 1 including communicating  
2 between a first terminal and a base station and forwarding  
3 communications from said first terminal to said base  
4 station on to said second terminals.

1       3. The method of claim 1 including enabling  
2 communications between a first terminal that is a handheld  
3 unit and said base station using a wireless communication  
4 protocol.

1       4. The method of claim 3 including communicating  
2 between said base station and said second terminals at  
3 least in part over the Internet.

1       5. The method of claim 4 including exchanging text  
2 messages between said first terminal and selected second  
3 terminals.

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1       6. The method of claim 1 including communicating  
2 between said first terminal and said selected second  
3 terminals through a chat server.

1       7. The method of claim 6 including storing said  
2 modifiable list of second terminals in said base station.

1       8. The method of claim 7 including blocking  
2 communications, from said handheld unit, received by said  
3 base station and preventing those communications from  
4 proceeding to a second terminal not listed in said  
5 modifiable list.

1       9. The method of claim 1 wherein enabling the  
2 ability to modify said list to be restricted includes  
3 enabling a requirement for a password to obtain access to  
4 said list.

1       10. The method of claim 1 including requiring a  
2 password to initiate an outgoing transmission from said  
3 first terminal.

1       11. An article comprising a medium storing  
2 instructions that enable a processor-based system to:

3               enable communications between a first terminal  
4 and selected second terminals;

5               enable the storage of a modifiable list of second  
6 terminals that the first terminal is able to communicate  
7 with; and

8               enable restrictions on the ability to modify said  
9 list.

1               12. The article of claim 11 further storing  
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to  
3 communicate with a first terminal and forward  
4 communications from said first terminal to said second  
5 terminal.

1               13. The article of claim 11 further storing  
2 instructions that enable communications between a first  
3 terminal that is a handheld unit using a wireless  
4 communication protocol.

1               14. The article of claim 13 further storing  
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to  
3 communicate with said second terminals at least in part  
4 over the Internet.

1               15. The article of claim 14 further storing  
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to

3 exchange text messages between a first terminal and  
4 selected second terminals.

1       16. The article of claim 11 further storing  
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to  
3 communicate between said first terminal and said selected  
4 second terminals through a chat server.

1       17. The article of claim 16 further storing  
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to  
3 store said modifiable list of second terminals.

1       18. The article of claim 17 further storing  
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to  
3 block communications from said handheld unit and prevent  
4 those communications from proceeding to a second terminal  
5 not listed in said modifiable list.

1       19. The article of claim 11 further storing  
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to  
3 enable a requirement for a password to obtain access to  
4 said list.

1       20. The article of claim 11 further storing  
2 instructions that enable the processor-based system to

3 require a password to initiate an outgoing transmission  
4 from said first terminal.

1       21. A system comprising:  
2              a processor-based device; and  
3              a storage coupled to said processor-based device  
4 storing instructions that enable communications between a  
5 first terminal and selected second terminals, enable the  
6 storage of a modifiable list of second terminals that the  
7 first terminal is able to communicate with and enable  
8 restrictions on the ability to modify said list.

1       22. The system of claim 21 including a wireless  
2 interface.

1       23. The system of claim 21 wherein said storage  
2 stores instructions that enable said device to communicate  
3 with a first terminal and forward communications from said  
4 first terminal to said second terminal.

1       24. The system of claim 21 wherein said storage  
2 stores instructions that enable communications between a  
3 first terminal that is a handheld unit using a wireless  
4 communication protocol.

1           25. The article of claim 24 wherein said storage  
2 stores instructions that enable the processor-based device  
3 to communicate with said second terminals at least in part  
4 over the Internet.

1           26. The system of claim 25 wherein said storage  
2 stores instructions that enable the processor-based system  
3 to exchange text messages between a first terminal and  
4 selected second terminals.

1           27. The system of claim 21 wherein said storage  
2 stores instructions that enable the device to communicate  
3 between said first terminal and selected second terminals  
4 through a chat server.

1           28. The system of claim 27 wherein said storage  
2 stores instructions that enable the device to store said  
3 modifiable list of second terminals.

1           29. The system of claim 28 wherein said storage  
2 stores instructions that enable the device to block  
3 communications from said handheld unit and prevent those  
4 communications from proceeding to a second terminal not  
5 listed in said modifiable list.

1           30. The system of claim 21 wherein said storage  
2 stores instructions that enable the device to require a  
3 password to obtain access to said list.

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